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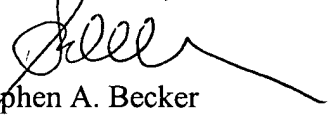
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Enclosed are:

- ☒ 26 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ Priority Claimed.
- ☒ Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-343447
- ☒ 2 sheets of formal drawing.
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_  
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